



PATRIOT RENEWABLES
Canton Mountain Wind, LLC

September 21, 2012

Mr. Erle Townsend
Project Manager
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

**RE: Canton Mountain Wind Project, Application L-25557-24-A-N/L-25558-TB-B-N
Supplemental Avian Assessment**

Dear Mr. Townsend,

To address comments on avian studies that have come up during discussions about the Canton Mountain Wind Project (Project) with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), Patriot has commissioned a comprehensive report from avian specialist Dr. Paul Kerlinger. The Kerlinger report discusses use of avian radar as a mortality predictor, compares the differences in data collected by Merlin and non-Merlin radar systems, addresses concerns that the Androscoggin River could be a major migration corridor, and includes an avian risk assessment for the Project using both radar passage rates and available mortality data from other operating wind energy facilities.

The report is being submitted by mail and electronically by email. Dr. Kerlinger's resume, and copies of all cited reports are being submitted electronically by email. Hard copies are available on request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Novey
Project Manager

cc: Kathleen Miller, Tetra Tech EC, Inc.
Gordon Smith, Verrill Dana, LLP